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No Other Town in the World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

U.S. CAVALRY NOW CLOSE TO VILLA

Human Quarry of American Troops Escaped From Trap Set, But Is Now Hard Pressed, Reports Gen. Gavira

El Paso, Mar. 25.—Francisco Villa's main force of 200 men is in Santa Clara canyon, 30 miles from its western entrance, with Colonel George Dodd's cavalry close upon him, General Gavira asserted in a statement to the United Press today.

Villa is nearly surrounded, Gavira declared. His only avenue of escape is through the eastern entrance to the canyon. But Carranzistas at Laguna and nearer the eastern mouth might cut him off. The canyon is nearly 200 miles long. Carranzista and American co-operation forced Villa's present plight, Gavira said. He declared reports of friction between Mexicans and Americans originated in the United States.

Arrivals from Chihuahua City reported General Luis Herrera was still loyal, and was in Chihuahua with his troops.

Military agents are tracing munitions shipments to Juarez, in order to prevent Villa from obtaining them.

El Paso, Mar. 25.—Francisco Villa is believed to have escaped the American-Carranzista trap laid for him near Namiquipa. With a great number of his followers he is thought to have reached the San Miguel country. Military men expressed this conviction today when reports of a decisive battle with him failed to materialize.

In absence of word to the contrary, it is believed the American expedition lost Villa's trail. The bandit chief was last reported at Namiquipa a week ago. The American expedition did not reach there until Thursday or Friday.

Consul Garcia had no further word today with regard to the situation at El Oro, where Villa was reported backed up in a canyon between Namiquipa and Santa Clara, fighting for his life. Villistas have cut all telegraph wires south of Casas Grandes.

It is apparent that Villa has scattered his forces. A small number is perhaps surrounded in the Namiquipa district from which come persistent reports of the American expedition enveloping the bandits. Another group probably set fire to Janos, a small town which the United States troops found burned.

Villistas are believed to have been connected with the wreck of an American troop train south of Casas Grandes. The engine and several cars turned over near Cumbres. There were no fatalities, but a number of cavalry horses were so badly hurt they had to be killed. The column marched overland for the remainder of the journey.

BIRD MAN BRINGS NEWS FROM FRONT

Columbus, N. M., Mar. 25.—Narrowly escaping death in a 165-mile flight from American headquarters in Mexico, Lieut. Dargue arrived here today with dispatches from General Pershing and newspaper correspondents at the front. He made the flight in two and one-half hours. Over a mountain pass a wind whirled him to within 50 feet of the ground. He said it was very cold at the front.

IDAHO RANCHER IS SHOT TO DEATH BY MASKED BANDIT

Idaho Falls, Idaho, Mar. 25.—Wilbur Breckinridge was shot and killed late last night by two masked bandits who held up the bunkhouse of the New Sweden Irrigation company's ranch. The robbers, holding tied four of the ranch hands, rifled their possessions. Then they jolted their helpless victims, compelling them to walk on their hands and knees for their amusement.

Dan Evans, one of the bunkhouse inmates, offered resistance. One of the robbers struck him over the head with a 45 caliber revolver, breaking the barrel off the gun. Evans received a severe scalp wound.

Leaving the bunkhouse, the robbers met Breckinridge. When he accosted them, they shot him through the head several times. Not until one o'clock this morning was George Jackson, one of the ranch employees, able to release himself and give warning. He untied the hands and feet of his companions—Evans, Billy Haywood and Frank Young. It is believed the robbers escaped on a train leaving here at 1:50 a. m. The police and sheriff's office have notified officers in surrounding cities.

SEND RELIEF TO HUNT EXPLORER

London, Mar. 25.—Hasty arrangements were made today to outfit a relief ship which will be sent in search of Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton, British Antarctic explorer, whose fate is in doubt in the light of recent developments. Although it was reported at Sydney, N. S. W., that Shackleton had succeeded in crossing the Antarctic continent with his expedition, a garbled wireless message throwing doubt on the story was received later from the steamer Aurora, which had been sent to bring him back. The radio dispatch said the Aurora had been damaged and was returning to New Zealand for repairs. It failed to mention Shackleton or his men.

Shackleton's friends here today urged the New Zealanders to try and get in wireless communication with the Aurora again. Lady Shackleton and her friends are confident that the party will return alive. They believe Shackleton has either abandoned his attempt to cross the south polar regions from the South American side and is returning to Buenos Aires, or that he is already safely over the South Pole and will soon join Captain McIntosh at Cape Crozier. The first messages received at Sydney, indicating Shackleton was safe, were garbled.

NO CARRANZISTAS JOIN VILLA'S ARMY

Mexico City, Mar. 25.—Reports of Carranzistas having gone over to Francisco Villa were officially denied today at Queretaro, the temporary Mexican capital.

General Obregon admitted that trouble might develop through continued presence of American troops in Mexico. He said the de facto government's enemies on both sides of the border were trying to force intervention and that he hoped Villa would be speedily captured, so the United States soldiers could leave the country.

The western Chihuahua Carranzistas who were reported to have engaged Villa in battle were being reinforced today.

Arthur Edgerton spent Saturday at Ashland on business.

2 SHIPS SINK IN NORTH SEA DUEL

Announcement Just Comes of the Battle Between German Raider Greif and British Protected Cruiser Alcantara

London, Mar. 25.—Battling in the North sea Feb. 29, the German commerce raider Greif and the British armed merchant cruiser Alcantara were both so badly damaged that they sank, the admiralty announced today.

The Greif was an unprotected cruiser of 2,028 tons. She carried a crew of 180.

The Alcantara was probably a crack four-deck steamer of the Royal Mail line, 15,300 tons.

The Greif, according to the admiralty, flew the Norwegian flag and planned to repeat exploits of the German commerce raider Moewe.

When the ships came together cannon fire sank the German. As she went down she launched a torpedo which struck the Alcantara amidships and sent her to the bottom. It is believed 180 of the Greif's crew perished. Five officers and 116 men were made prisoners. The Alcantara lost five officers and 69 men.

According to admiralty accounts, the Greif slipped out from Kiel canal disguised as a Norwegian tramp. The Alcantara, patrolling in the North sea, met and hailed her.

When asked to identify his vessel, the commander of the German raider replied with a fictitious name, arousing the suspicions of British officers on the Alcantara. They launched a boatload of armed sailors to board the raider and examine her papers.

Suddenly, as the small boat approached, guns were unmasked on the Greif and a German flag was run up. British and Tontun gunners fired simultaneously.

Struck in several places, the raider continued fighting, and for ten minutes the two vessels rained shells on each other at close quarters, gun-

BRITISH STEAMER TORPEDOED AND 2 AMERICAN PASSENGERS MISSING

Boulogne, via Paris, Mar. 25.—Two Americans are missing and it is estimated 50 may be dead today as the result of an explosion which damaged the British steamer Sussex as she was crossing the English channel. Three Americans aboard declared they saw a torpedo coming toward the Sussex just before the explosion.

There were at least 12 Americans on the vessel, including myself. The missing United States citizens are Elizabeth Baldwin, and her father of Philadelphia. Others endangered were W. G. Penfield, an American student at Oxford university; Edward Huxley, president of the United States Rubber company; Francis E. Drake, head of that corporation's European branch; and Miss Alice Rees.

Although the explosion damaged the Sussex so that passengers had to abandon her, the steamer arrived at Boulogne today under her own steam.

There were 380 passengers aboard when we sailed from Folkestone yesterday noon. Excellent weather was encountered. Near the French port of Dieppe the terrific explosion occurred. I was conversing with several Americans about 4:30 p. m., when the blast shook the Sussex from bow to stern. One empty life boat

MORAN FAILS TO DEFEAT WILLARD

Champion Heavyweight Pugilist Retains His Title in Ten Round Battle Staged in New York City Last Night

New York, Mar. 25.—Jess Willard retained the world's championship title tonight in a lifeless ten-round bout with Frank Moran. Sheer superiority, reach and weight won Moran bowed frequently, but was unable to damage the champion, who smiled throughout the fight.

Willard announced he had broken the knuckles of his right hand in the second round and continued fighting with one hand.

In the seventh round Willard made the only spurt. Seemed going after a knockout. Before the round was over Moran rallied. At least a dozen times Willard had an easy chance for a knockout punch, but did not take advantage of it.

A crowd of fourteen thousand witnessed the fight. It included New York's elite society, which rubbed elbows with fight fans from the East side.

Moran bled profusely in sixth and seventh rounds. Willard escaped without a scratch.

ners working like mad amid scenes reminiscent of old time sea battles.

With several holes below the water line, the German began sinking slowly. As she plunged to the bottom, a torpedo was launched from one of a number of torpedo tubes visible on her deck. The torpedo ripped such a hole in the British warship's sides that it disappeared under the waves within 13 minutes.

The Greif carried 300 men, although in normal times her crew only numbered 180. Prisoners explained that she had been double-manned, so prize crews could be placed aboard captured enemy steamers.

GERMAN SHELLS SET FIRES IN THE CITY OF VERDUN

Berlin, Mar. 25.—German artillery has set fire to Verdun, it was officially announced today. There were no important changes on the western front during the night.

Berlin, Mar. 25.—Return of crisp spring weather to Verdun signals the renewal of heavy infantry fighting there, which is expected to slowly squeeze out the French from the Malancourt-Bethincourt salient. The recent lull was due to fog and rain, which hindered artillery. Now the weather is so fine that German soldiers from their newly-gained positions on the Meuse west bank can look down on Verdun's glistening spires.

Shells from German 42 centimeter guns have greatly damaged forts on the eastern and northeastern sides of the city.

Neither Russian attacks nor allied reports of heavy German losses at Verdun have shaken German confidence in the success of their smash against the strong fortress. Reports of 200,000 Teutons lost at Verdun are deemed absurd here.

The disorganized Russian offensive convinced German critics that the czar was not ready when General Joffre asked him to aid.

NEW DEATH DEALING GERMAN DEVICES

By Wm. G. Shepherd.

Paris, Mar. 25.—Equipped with a new horribly destructive device, a great fleet of Zeppelins will accompany the German navy when it dashes out to meet the British, according to stories told by Swiss boatmen on Lake Constance. They obtained their information, they said from residents of Friedrichshafen where the great Zeppelin works are located. They have watched German sky cruisers experiment with the new death missile.

Suspended from the gondola of the Zeppelin is a wire more than two miles long. At the end of the wire dangles a cluster of bombs, filled with high explosives.

Scouting ahead of the fleet at a great height, the Zeppelin, boatman say, will drop its explosive bait to the water and drag it at a high rate of speed.

When the bomb cluster strikes the side of an enemy warship, the Zeppelin commander, two miles above the water, will touch an electric button, setting off the charge.

The bomb dragging feat, it is said has been practiced several times in the past fortnight by a new Zeppelin that apparently maintained a speed of 100 miles an hour.

BELIEVE FOUR AMERICANS LOST

Washington, Mar. 25.—Four Americans are believed to have perished in the torpedoing of the Dominion liner Englishman, according to a cablegram to the state department today from American Consul Armstrong at Bristol, England. Thirty-three survivors were landed at a British port.

Armstrong did not mention the time or place of the attack. The Americans aboard the Englishman, not reported saved were Peter McDougal, horse foreman, Boston; P. Buckley and M. A. Burke, horsemen, addresses unknown, and George McDougal, trimmer, of Lawrence, Mass.

The dispatches from Consul Arm-

JURORS FOR APRIL TERM OF COURT

Grand Jury Will Be Convened April 3rd, and Circuit Court Will Meet on Monday, April 10th, for Regular Term

The jury list for the term of the circuit court to convene Monday, April 10, has been drawn, and consists of the following jurors:

G. H. Kesterson, Grants Pass, mill owner.
J. C. Calhoun, Grants Pass, farmer.
Willard Hadlock, Grants Pass, farmer.
Oscar Grim, Hugo, farmer.
J. P. Anderson, Placer, miner.
H. H. Gibbs, Kerby, farmer.
M. M. Ainsworth, Murphy, farmer.
L. M. Graham, Grants Pass, Route 1, farmer.
E. A. Rathbone, Grants Pass, Route 1, farmer.
H. A. Johnson, Williams, farmer.
Andrew Giegler, Grants Pass, farmer.
Harry Mills, Grants Pass, miner.
E. R. Crouch, Grants Pass, miner.
Frank W. Allen, Grants Pass, Route 2, farmer.
H. A. Dillingham, Grants Pass, retired.
Ed Jordan, Wolf Creek, farmer.
Albert Anderson, Grants Pass, contractor.
J. W. Turvey, Williams, farmer.
F. C. Farwell, Three Pines, farmer.
F. E. Barrett, Kerby, farmer.
G. T. McCormick, Hugo, hotel keeper.
Walter Evenson, Grants Pass, laundryman.
Louie R. Loesch, Murphy, farmer.
A. R. Marsh, Grants Pass, farmer.
S. J. Taylor, Grants Pass, carpenter.
H. M. Gorham, Grants Pass, Route 1, farmer.
H. J. Bachner, Grants Pass, painter.
H. J. Schmitt, Selma, farmer.
C. H. McCann, Wilderville, farmer.
W. V. DeArmond, Grants Pass, Route 2, farmer.
Geo. A. Bardon, Grants Pass, farmer.

From the above list seven men will be selected to serve as the grand jury, and from the balance the trial juries will be chosen. The old grand jury will meet on Monday, April 3, and during the week will transact such business as may come before it, going out of office with the coming in of the new jury. There are not many cases on the docket to take the attention of either grand jury or the circuit court at the April session. The one important case is that of M. D. Bousman, Sr., who killed Mr. and Mrs. Akers at Wilderville. Bousman is now held in the county jail, and has indicated his intention of pleading guilty to the charge that will be placed against him. He spends his days in jail in a morose condition, seemingly only awaiting the formal action that will send him to the penitentiary at Salem for the rest of his days.

CALIFORNIA RANCHER BATTLES WITH BULL

San Bernardino, Cal., Mar. 25.—With only a shovel as his weapon of defense, Jack Flynn, manager of the South Mountain ranch at Glen Oak, fought off an infuriated bull for half an hour today. In the combat Flynn received injuries from which he may die.

Flynn was attacked as he was making his way across the stock corral. He fought back the animal until ranch hands, attracted by his calls, came to the rescue with guns. The bull was killed and Flynn was rushed to the Ramona hospital here.

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